

WORD WIDE WEB

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MULTI-TALENTED WORDS

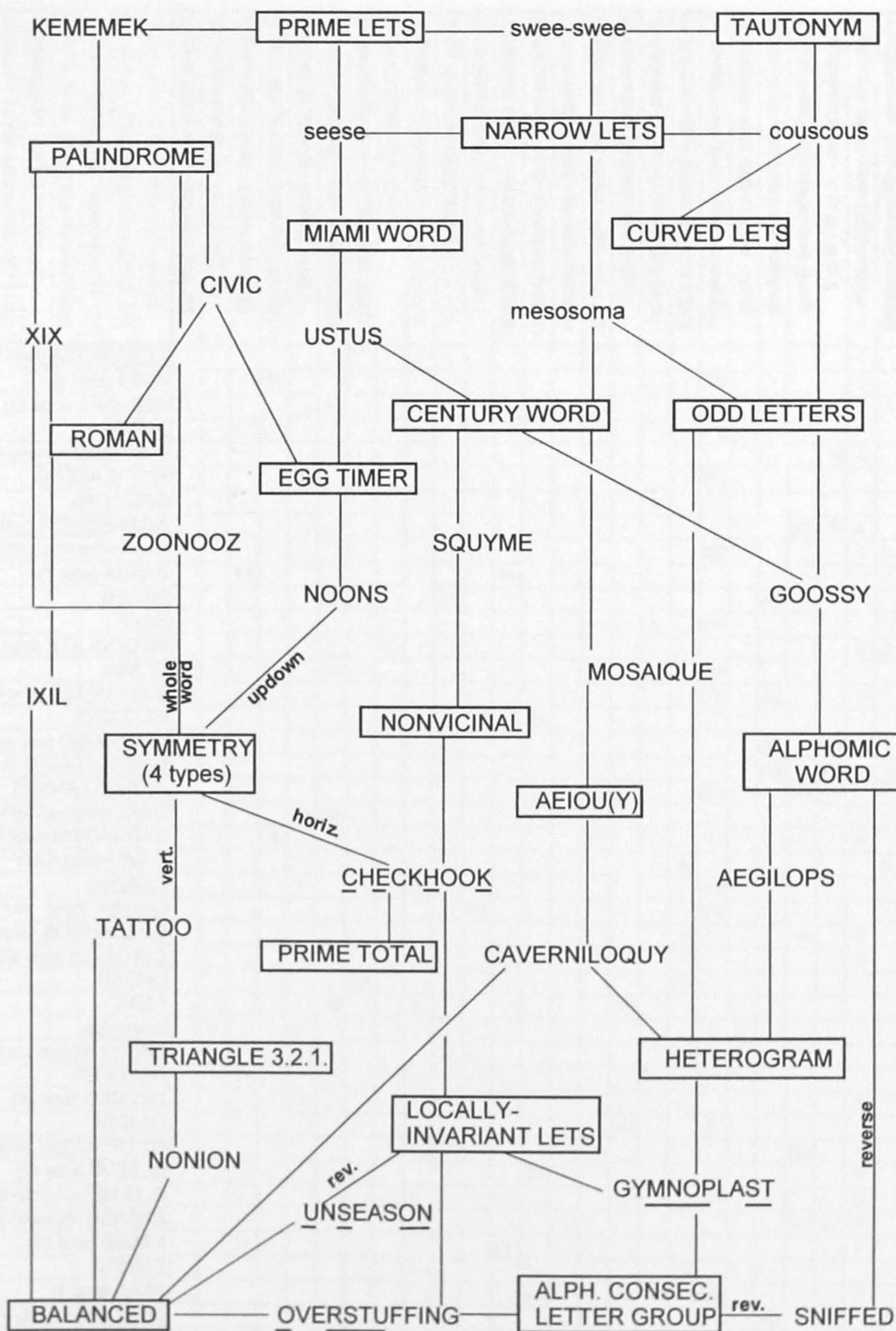
Word Ways is a treasure trove of logologically-talented words, words such as HORSESHOER in which the letters of the first half of the word are repeated in the second half in a different order; the 5-letter IOUEA (WW May 1993), the only word made exclusively of one each of the five main vowels; and HAMAMELIDACEAE, seemingly the longest word made from first half of the alphabet letters. There are many more. Close scrutiny, however, reveals that some of these talented words have additional logological properties, thus rendering them multi-talented words. We recognise NONSUPPORTS (Web3) as possibly the longest word made from second half of the alphabet letters; but are we aware that it is a 'vicinal', a term coined by Eugene Ulrich (Aug 1983 Kickshaws) to denote a word all of whose letters have alphabetical neighbours? Similarly, we recognise CANCELLANSES as a pair isogram - but do we recognise it as a 'non-vicinal', none of its letters having alphabetical neighbours? Also, did you know that it has an average letter value of 9.0, thus equating it to a point exactly 4/12 the way along the alphabet ruler (WW May 2000)?

Here, I select 123 multi-talented words. Ideally, their talents should be displayed as a single *Word Wide Web* but this is clearly impracticable, in terms of both the page size and the multiplicity of criss-crossing lines which it would entail. Nevertheless, it is possible to construct a limited web from a selection (23) of these words. This cobwebbery (OED - a century word) appears on the next page. The table which follows the cobweb identifies the various logological categories into which the 123 words fall. Hyphens are not shown. The letter Y is treated as a consonant. References can be found at the end.

CATEGORY HEADINGS

I list 57 categories. Some involve subcategories, resulting in nearly 100 'categories' in total. Here are some additional explanatory notes for certain of the categories:

4 + 5 - alph cons lets = alphabetically-consecutive letters; **8** - a.l.v. = average letter value;
14 - see WW Feb. 2000 and Nov. 2000; **21 to 26** - see Aug. and Nov. 1997; **30** - locally-invariant letters match the alphabet when appropriately shifted; **36** - see *Geometric Letters* Nov. 1999; **38** - see Feb. 1999; **41** - Internal P. = a palindromic group of letters which forms part of the word / Numerical P. = the letter totals (a=1 etc) of the two halves of the word are numerical reversals; **43** - the number of rare letters in the word is indicated; **45** - the letter concerned (capital) and its arrangement (a or c lower case) are indicated; **50** - Updn = individual letters read the same upside down / all Word = whole word reads same upside down.



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REFERENCES

Almost two thirds of the 123 words can be found in the OED Second Edition as headwords, variant forms or text words including citations.

Sources of the non-OED words:

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Web2 - ACTAEACEAE, CCAPAC, KALAMINE, KILLEEKILLEE, NONION, OUTSTUNTS, PILILLOO, UNOCCIDENTAL

Web3 - CANCELLANSES, CARNACIAN, GENSENGS, GYMNOPLAST, IEIE, IXIL, NONSUPPORTS, OOAA

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